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CEQA Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk, County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: City of Burbank
Community Development Dept.
150 North Third Street
Burbank, CA 91502

Project Title: Emergency N. Niagara Avenue and E. Santa Anita Street Tree Removals

Project Location – Specific: Seven Aleppo Pine trees located at 241, 246 (two trees), 734, 814, 1613, and 1633 N. Niagara St., and one Italian Stone Pine tree located at 1023 E. Santa Anita Avenue in the City of Burbank, California 91505 and 91501.

Project Location / City: Burbank

Project Location / County: Los Angeles

Description of Project: The City determined it is necessary to remove seven Aleppo Pine trees located at 241, 246 (two trees), 734, 814, 1613, and 1633 N. Niagara St., and one Italian Stone Pine tree located at 1023 E. Santa Anita Avenue in the City of Burbank. These trees have been inspected by International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborists on City staff and externally, who have determined the designated trees have a significant potential for imminent failure in the short-term due to defects affecting their stability and ability to withstand forecasted storms. The tree removal is an emergency project to prevent significant and imminent risk to life and property caused by the trees falling over. The emergency work is anticipated to begin as soon as February 21, 2024.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Burbank

Name of Project Applicant: Michael Del Campo, City Arborist (Parks and Recreation Dept. Forestry Division)

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial. State code number:
- Declared Emergency. State code number:
- Emergency Project (Sec. 15269(b)).
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The tree removals qualify under the “Emergency Exemption” of CEQA, found in Public Resources Code section 21080, subdivision (b)(4) and CEQA Guidelines section 15269 subdivision (b). The trees all have known and documented prior root pruning and are leaning, which combined produce significant load on the roots and render the trees unlikely to withstand wind and rain storms without complete failure, i.e., falling over. Complete failure of these trees -- which would result in the 60-and 75-foot tall trees toppling over onto houses, cars, and/or passerby -- creates a severe risk to public health, safety, and welfare. The probability of imminent failure of the trees in the short-term is significant, and failure is likely to occur before the City could conduct and complete environmental review. The City has already experienced numerous tree losses during unprecedented winter storms in 2023 and in January and February 2024, and these removals must therefore occur as soon as possible.


Lead Agency

Contact Person: Federico "Fred" Ramirez

Telephone/Extension: (818) 238-5250

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 2/21/24

Title: Federico Ramirez
Assistant Community Development Director-Planning

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant

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